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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Leaf Collection Offered in April; Keep Branches, Twigs Out of Leaf Piles

The city will collect leaves from the curb in the month of April.

Service is easy: simply rake loose leaves to the curb no later than Monday, April 23, to ensure prompt collection.

Please refrain from putting twigs, branches and other yard debris in leaf piles, as these items can cause injury to workers and break machinery.

Collection trucks circulate throughout the city's six leaf zones. Please note: inclement weather may delay collection.

In April, bagged leaves will not be collected from the curb. For information, call 703-385-LEAF.



April is Spring Cleanup Month
— see page 3
for more information!

Save Time: Composting Avoids Raking, Bagging

Reduce trash output and save money by composting in your own backyard. It's quick to set up, easy to maintain and provides free organic mulch. Take a class with the Mason Sustainability Institute (msi.gmu.edu; 703-993-5301).

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

City Evaluates Water Treatment Options

Public Invited to Speak at Hearings April 10, May 8

In 2010, the City Council identified a study of the future viability of the city's water treatment plant in Loudoun County as one of its main goals for the current Council term. Now the City Council seeks public input on the issue.

The city has owned and operated a water treatment plant in Loudoun County since the early 1960s. Water treated there is sent to city customers via a 23-mile water pipeline. Due to the age of the Loudoun facilities, various major capital improvements and repairs are needed. The City Council has spent a considerable amount of time considering whether to make the investment to the older facilities or purchase wholesale water from another source.

The options have been narrowed to two: invest substantial sums for capital

improvements to the Loudoun facilities or sell the plant and invest in ownership of an existing water treatment plant operated by Fairfax Water. There are pros and cons to each option and the city is seeking your advice before moving forward.

An informational brochure on this important topic soon will be mailed to city residents and will be posted on the city's website.

Additionally, the City Council will hold public hearings on the topic at its meetings April 10 and May 8, which the public is invited to attend and speak at. These meetings will be televised.

The City Council will make a decision on the future of the facilities following the conclusion of the public hearings. For information, call 703-385-7920.



will be held April 20 through May 6
in and around Fairfax.

For information on programs, visit

www.fairfaxspotlight.org

or

call 703-352-ARTS.

Public Encouraged to Participate in Budget Process, Which Continues Through May 2

The City Council continues reviewing the proposed 2012-13 fiscal plan scheduled to be adopted at the City Council's May 2 meeting (*note new date*).

The City Council encourages the public to review the proposed budget and provide feedback. The City Council will discuss the proposed budget at the April 10 and 24 work sessions, and the public may address the City Council on the matter at the public hearings during the

April 10 and 24 City Council meetings.

There are many ways to contact the City Council: e-mail, phone, mail, messages and at Council meetings; visit the city's website or call 703-385-7850.

The Fairfax community is encouraged to review the budget, which includes descriptions, objectives and funding for all departments and programs. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7864.



General Election is May 1; Voter Registration Continues Through April 9

Mayor Candidates: Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell • R. Scott Silverthorne

City Council Candidates: Michael J. DeMarco • Daniel F. Drummond

Jeffrey C. Greenfield • David L. Meyer • Gary A. Perryman

Catherine S. Read • Eleanor D. "Ellie" Schmidt • Steven C. Stombres

School Board Candidates: Jon A. Buttram • Janice B. Miller • Carolyn S. Pitches
Tobin M. "Toby" Sorensen • Mitch A. "Sut" Sutterfield

Mayor and City Council Candidates Night: 7 pm April 12, 3939 Oak Street, sponsored by
American Legion Post 177 (televised; see Cityscreen-12 program schedule on page 5)

School Board, Mayor and City Council Candidates Nights:

• 4 pm April 15, Country Club Hills Commons, 10050 Spring Lake Terrace,
sponsored by Country Club Hills, Old Lee Hills and Westmore civic associations

• 7:30 pm April 18, Henry Lodge Masonic Temple, 10503 Oak Place,
sponsored by Cobbdale Civic Association

Voter registration continues through April 9. Absentee voting continues through
April 28. Voters may apply for absentee ballots by mail through April 24.

The General Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and
will open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and April 28

for in-person absentee voting. Information: 703-385-7890, www.fairfaxva.gov.

Help Clean Up Accotink Creek in City April 7

Join Friends of Accotink Creek in partnership with the Alice Ferguson Foundation to get trash out of the waterways.

Clean-up events are held nearly every weekend this month — and locations in the city will be targeted April 7. For information, visit the Friends of Accotink Creek website at www.accotink.org or call 703-354-5093, ext. 26.

Kindergarten Orientation

Held April 26, 30

Daniels Run Elementary School will hold kindergarten orientation from 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 26 at the school, 3705 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-279-8400.

Providence Elementary School will hold its orientation from 1:30-3 p.m. April 30 at the school, 3616 Jermantown Road. For information, call 703-460-4400.

Donation Bins at Property Yard Assists in Spring Cleaning

Many households have items that are not in use, but are still usable. Consider

donating them to those in need: drop them off in the bright blue bins in the City of Fairfax Recycling Center at the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road.

In addition to clean clothing and shoes, other items in usable condition are accepted, including electronics, books, videos, tools, dishes, small furniture items and more. All items must fit inside the bin, which has an opening about the size of a modern microwave oven.

Package items if needed and keep multiple parts of an item together.

Please, no fragile or perishable items. For information, call 703-385-7995.

"Debit and Forget It" with Utility Bills

Commercial and residential utility customers may use automated payment for City of Fairfax water and sewer bills.

With the Automated Bank Debit Service Program, the city automatically debits the water customer's bank account on the bill's due date.

To enroll, customers must complete and submit a form that provides bank information.

Direct debit enrollment forms may be submitted electronically from the city's website.

Forms also are available at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall and may be mailed to or dropped off at the Treasurer's Office. For information, call 703-385-7900.

Dispose of Pet Waste Safely

Picking up pet waste is only half the battle. Once pet owners have collected it from their own private property, all public areas and any property that does not belong to them, they must dispose of it properly.

Put pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet — *not storm drains or streams*.

Pet waste may wash into the nearby storm drains and into the local waterways — and adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to the streams. For information, call 703-385-7816.

Fairfax Civil War Day May 5 • Historic Blenheim

**Meet Gen. Robert E. Lee, Col. John S. Mosby,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Gen. Richard Ewell,
Gen./Gov. William "Extra Billy" Smith, Laura Ratcliffe**

Historic Blenheim House Tours • Interpretive Center Exhibits: Attic Replica and Soldier Exhibit (all day) • Living History and Camp Demonstrations • Mathew Brady Photography Demonstration • Blacksmith and 1862 Traveling Forge • Susan Kelly as "The Yankee Schoolmarm" • Marion Dobbins on Slave Life • Civil War Railroads by Ron Beavers
Civil War Soldier Research by C.K. Gailey • Wagon Rides • Cannon Firing Demo
Period Jewelry Display • Music by Southern Horizons • 17th Va. Infantry "Fairfax Rifles"
Food by Red Hot and Blue, Colonial Kettle Korn

Information, Schedule: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-591-0560

City Provides Special Services For Spring Cleanup

April is Fairfax's Spring Cleanup Month, and the city provides services to assist with spring cleaning. For information, call 703-385-7995.

Cleanup Day — Help Fairfax spruce up for spring: clean up the neighborhoods or any public area in the city on Spring Cleanup Day April 28 (or any day in April). The city will provide trash bags and will collect the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day.

Street sweeping — The city will sweep streets from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays in April. Signs will be posted in neighborhoods, and residents are asked to keep vehicles off streets on those days.

Curbside collection — Yard waste,

including grass clippings and weeds, is collected from the curb on the same day as regular trash and recyclables collection. Place organic materials in containers marked "yard waste" or in bags. *Bagged leaves are not collected in April.*

Don't bag it — If raking isn't your bag, leave grass clippings on the lawn. These clippings can supply 25 percent of a lawn's fertilizer requirements. Use a mulching mower, or mow every five to seven days, so clippings will be short enough to blend in.

Education — Check out Mason Sustainability Institute classes held at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. For information, visit msi.gmu.edu or call 703-993-5301.

Interest-Free Loans Available for Home Improvements

After many years, homes that once were modern and efficient may no longer meet the needs of their owners.

Those who live in detached single family homes in the city who are thinking about improvements, including upgrading the residence, make it more "green" or modify it to age-in-place, may consider this program that can make home improvements more affordable.

The non-profit City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC) makes available to qualified homeowners home improvement loans of as much as \$99,999 with no interest paid by the borrower during the first 24 months.

These loans are not income-sensitive

and are available for modernizing or repairing City of Fairfax single family homes built at least 10 years ago. Homes must display a need, such as exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence or lack of amenities found in today's new homes.

The homeowner must reside at the property being renovated and must remain in the home for at least two years from the loan closing date. As much as one quarter of the loan may be required to fund exterior improvements.

FRHC is committed to improving the quality of residential neighborhoods in the city through this ongoing program.

For information, call 703-385-2494.

Police Station Accepts Prescription, OTC Drugs on 'Drug Take-Back Day' April 28

Those with unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs may take them to the City of Fairfax Police Station April 28 as part of Drug Take-Back Day.

To help prevent danger to the public, the city is working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect unused, unwanted medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway. The city will accept pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers.

Drop-off is anonymous; no identi-

fication or prescription information is required. For information, call 703-385-7966.

At the first take-back day in October 2011, the city collected nearly 155 pounds of expired or unused medication, which was transported to the Virginia State Police barracks, then taken into custody by the DEA.

Drug disposal is an ongoing national issue, with reports of prescription drug chemicals found in some municipal water sources and leaching out of landfills.



Contractors Must Dispose of Debris

Contractors who offer services as extensive as home renovations or as simple as grass-cutting are required to carry their debris out of the city with them. The Public Works Department does not dispose of contractor-created debris.

Drop Off Rechargeable Batteries at Recycling Center

Rechargeable batteries now may be dropped off in a bin at the Recycling Center, 3410 Pickett Road.

Regular household batteries may be placed in household trash for collection with refuse.

The center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for drop-off of numerous materials, including cans, paper, cardboard and more.

Remember: Recycle at Home and Work

Remember: recycling is mandatory for all residents and business owners in the city.

Resident who receive trash/recyclable collection service may request a recycling bin from the city for curbside collection of materials.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

HFCI Hosts Historian at Semi-Annual Meeting April 11

History buffs are invited to a presentation by Civil War historian Adam Goodheart at 7:30 p.m. April 11 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Historic Fairfax City Inc. and the City of Fairfax Sesquicentennial Committee are sponsoring the presentation by the author of *1861: The Civil War Awakening*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Environmental Committee Seeks Input via Survey

The city's Environmental Sustainability Committee wants to know what environmental issues matter most to city residents. The committee has published a 10-question survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SNWSKGX>. (This link also can be found on the committee's Facebook page.) Residents are asked to complete this survey by April 30.

To receive a printed copy of the survey to complete, or for information, call 703-385-7816.

Keep Signs Off Poles

Help keep the city beautiful by following the city's sign regulations. Signs may not be posted in the public right-of-way — and property owners must give permission for posting on private property. Signs placed in traffic islands, median strips, telephone poles, CUE Bus shelters and other public areas will collect and dispose of by the city.

No signs may have balloons or pennants attached to them. Some signs require permits. For information, call 703-385-7820.

Election signs may be placed on private property no closer than eight feet from the curb. Signs may posted for 90 days (and must be removed within 30 days following the election).

Yard sale signs may be two square feet or smaller. They may be posted for 24 hours before an event and removed by 9 p.m. the final day of the event.

Real estate signs may be posted only on the property for sale or rent and may be no larger than four square feet in area and no more than five feet high.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Consider shopping local when you can — the city benefits from taxes and other local fees when city businesses thrive.

Be Street Smart — In Light of an Increase in Pedestrian-Related Accidents

Those who walk, drive or ride in Fairfax always should travel with extra caution — and pay close attention to everyone else using the road.

The City of Fairfax Police Department advises all travelers to obey traffic laws and follow traffic signals and signs. Be aware of your surroundings and never proceed unless it is safe to do so, no matter what the signals indicate. Always wear safety gear: helmets, seat belts, proper clothing for the weather and time of day.

Don't enter an intersection or road if the signal is red, no matter how safe it appears to be. (Drivers "turning on red" should advance with caution.) Watch

signal patterns carefully: "broken" lights may allow other vehicles or pedestrians to proceed first through the intersection.

Take your time and travel cautiously in bad weather. Arrive safely, even if that means walking the bike or traveling slower than the posted speed limit. Remember: CUE Buses travel in nearly all weather.

Stay visible in the dark, whether with reflective clothing for the walker or biker, or proper lights on vehicles in traffic. Make sure all equipment is functioning properly, from lights to brakes to pedals to windshield wipers.

For information, call 703-385-7966.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for a city resident, one vacancy for a city business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for a city business representative) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all city boards and commissions regarding environmental and energy conservation issues.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



APRIL CABLE SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through April 14, enjoy highlights from the 2012 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Beginning April 15, learn about when Union soldiers were at Blenheim in March 1862.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily, at 4 pm April 1-12 and on the city's YouTube channel.

Candidates Night

The Candidates Night to be held on April 12, sponsored by American Legion Post 177, will be shown daily at 4 pm April 13 through May 1. The show also will be replayed at 10 am and 7 pm April 16-22 and April 30.

Beginning April 13, the show will be archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

The wide-shot recording of the April 9 School Board meeting will be archived on the city's website April 10.

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, April 9, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 10, 10 am;
Thursday, April 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 10

Monday, April 23, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 24, 10 am;
Thursday, April 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 24

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, April 11; Friday, April 13; Saturday, April 14; Sunday, April 15; 10 am and 7 pm
Archived online April 11

OnDEMAND replay begins April 15
Tuesday, April 24, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, April 25; Friday, April

27; Saturday, April 28; Sunday, April 29; 10 am and 7 pm

Archived online April 25

OnDEMAND replay begins April 29

The Road to Recovery

On days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience. On the Internet, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing. For information, visit the city's website.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications OnDEMAND "Free Zone."

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

April 9 regular meeting

- Staff/student recognition.
- State of the School Report: Fairfax High School.
- Presentation on and approval of the Eleven Oaks School Property Deed of Conveyance.
- Appointment of Allen Griffith to the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee.

April 23 work session

- Discussions: student panel; on the draft agenda for the annual retreat.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

April 9 and April 23 regular meetings

- *No agenda items have been set.*

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

April 10 regular meeting and work session

- Consent agenda: Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water utility rate by 7.5 percent and the wastewater utility rate by 12 percent for fiscal year 2012-13; Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2012, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax. (The current rate is 5.5¢; the recommended new rate is unchanged at 5.5¢.)
- Public hearings: on the city manager's proposed budget for the

city for fiscal year 2012-13; on revisions to the Comprehensive Plan; on a request by 9806 Kirktree Court for renewal of a special use permit for an accessory dwelling unit; to receive citizen comment regarding the two options that have been identified for the future of the city's water treatment plant in Loudoun County.

- Discussion and mark-up of the city manager's proposed budget for the city for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Discussions: of Old Town Square Kitty Pozer Garden; of a structural barrier to protect pedestrians along the south side of North Street between Chain Bridge Road and University Drive (adjacent to the Auld Shebeen Restaurant).

April 24 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings on an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water utility rate by 7.5 percent and the wastewater utility rate by 12 percent for fiscal year 2012-13; on an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2012, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax; on an ordinance for stormwater; on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13; on the proposed fiscal year 2012-13 advertised real estate tax rate.
- Discussion of the former KFC site for rezoning, a special use permit and special exception for fast food with a drive-thru.
- Presentation on and discussion of the city's consultant's draft concept for Old Town Square.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.



CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

February 28

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, Consideration of a lease-purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, in a total amount not to exceed \$764,000 for the replacement of nine vehicles and pieces of equipment for the Department of Public Works; Introduction of an ordinance granting a license agreement to FiberLight of Virginia, LLC, for use of portions of the city's rights of way to construct, operate, maintain, repair and upgrade certain telecommunications facilities; Consideration of award of contract to Christopher Consultants in the amount of \$76,870.00 for civil engineering and surveying services for the design of a site plan for the school bus parking Lot located on Pickett Road. No action was taken on the fol-

lowing item: Consideration to receive the list of delinquent taxes in compliance with State Code Section 58.1-3921 and write-off taxes in compliance with State Code Section 58.1-3940 and consider the publication of the list of delinquent personal property taxes of more than \$100 and delinquent real estate taxes.

Public hearings

- Approved, 4-2, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$550,000 to fund the demolition of the vacant Westmore School, located at 11000 Berry, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011. *(In favor: Councilmembers Drummond, Silverthorne, Stombres and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmembers Greenfield and Meyer.)*

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Presentation by Robinson, Framer, Cox Associations C.P.A. of the FY11 City of Fairfax Comprehensive Annual

Financial Report (CAFR).

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement of purchase and Sale for certain real property identified as tax map number 57-4-2-111, in a form approved by the city attorney.

Actions out of the closed meeting/ Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Confirmed the following elections to the Retirement Plan Administrative Committee: John Spittle – General Employee Primary Representative, Jennie Tripoli – General Employee Alternate Representative, Mitch Johnson – Public Safety Primary Employee, Craig Evans – Public Safety Alternate Employee.
- Reappointed Robert Matthews to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term extending through February 28, 2017.

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.



DID YOU KNOW

Limited Service DMV in City Hall

The limited service DMV office in City Hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays) and offers many services regarding titles, registration, license plates, handicapped parking placards and more. *The DMV office in City Hall does not issue state drivers licenses or identification cards.* Information: 703-385-7880.

Turn to Tap Water Instead of the Bottle

Stay healthy and save thousands of dollars a year: turn on the tap. Drinking 64 ounces of water daily via bottled water could cost upwards of \$5 per day, or more than \$1,800 a year. The same amount from the tap? **60¢ annually.**

Drinking tap water also saves the environment: the 1.5 million gallons of oil used for America's water bottles could fuel 100,000 vehicles each year.

City tap water meets or exceeds federal and state standards for safety. Information: 703-385-7920.

City Buildings Available for Special Events

Planning a special event? Look no further than the City of Fairfax for a lovely, unique facility for your wedding, party or meeting.

Consider Old Town Hall in the heart of Old Town Fairfax, or Historic Blenheim, a 12-acre property with historic buildings and beautiful vistas.

Also keep in mind the newest facility in the city, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, centrally located and modernly appointed.

For information, call 703-385-7858.

Nextbus Offers Real-Time Bus Arrival Info Via Computer, Phone

CUE Bus riders can rely on Nextbus, a website and app, to save time and stay out of the elements while waiting for the bus. NextBus provides real-time arrival of CUE Buses (and other buses on other local bus systems) on every stop on the route.

Get the info from the Web at www.nextbus.com.

nextbus.com. Smartphone/BlackBerry users can use the specially designed mobile website or download the NextBusDC app; visit nextbusdc.com for information.

Other apps are available for library use and recreation activities.

No smartphone? Use mobile-friendly websites designed for viewing on a handheld device. Check the city's website for information.

Information Resources In Case of Emergency...

- City website: www.fairfaxva.gov
- Cityscreen-12, city's television station
- eMAS messages: emas.fairfaxva.gov
- City newsline — 703-273-1776
- 1650 AM radio
- Facebook: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- Twitter: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- General information: 703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1) (regular business hours)
- Office of Emergency Management: 703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1) (regular business hours)

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

April 2012

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

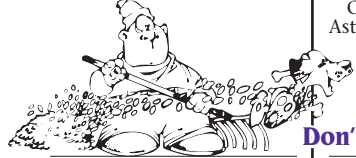
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Independence Day parade applications due



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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10 am, Old Town Hall
Astronomy observing session, 8:30 pm, George Mason University observatory

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Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

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Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex
Mason Players: *The Life of Galileo*, 8 pm, George Mason University Harris Theatre

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Egg Hunt, 10 am, Fairfax High School (rain location: FHS Field House)
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
Cat and Dog Adoption Event, 11 am to 3 pm, Town and Country Animal Hospital, 9836 Fairfax Boulevard

Don't bag it! The city provides curbside leaf collection in April. Rake leaves loose to curb. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-LEAF.

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Drivers should avoid stopping in intersections, even if the light is green. "Blocking the box" is hazardous for pedestrians and drivers alike. Information: 703-385-7924.

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Last day for voter registration before the May 1 General Election
Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
Historic Fairfax City, Inc., semi-annual meeting, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center

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Toddler Time (age 2-3), 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Candidates Night: Mayor and City Council, 7 pm, American Legion Post 177 (shown on Cityscreen-12 beginning April 13; see page 5)

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Sherwood Cinema Series: *The Rookie*, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Young at Heart Antiques and Trinkets Appraisal Show, 10 am, Green Acres Center
Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
Civil War Interpretive Center Series: *The Clash of the Ironclads*, 4 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center

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Second Sunday Series: *Tea and Chocolate*, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center (reservations required)
Candidates Night: Mayor, Council, School Board, 4 pm, Country Club Hills Commons, 10500 Spring Lake Terrace

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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10 am, Old Town Hall
Human Services Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
Astronomy observing session, 8:45 pm, George Mason University observatory

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Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 5:30 pm, 4031 University Drive
Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex
Candidates Night: Mayor, Council, School Board, 7 pm, Henry Lodge Masonic Temple

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Items accepted for the IDCC Indoor Yard Sale 5-8 pm at Green Acres Center
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
The Mayor's Ball, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center

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General Registrar's Office open from 8:30 am to 5 pm for absentee voting
IDCC Indoor Yard Sale, 8 am to 1 pm, Green Acres Center
Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
Accotink Creek Cleanup, noon, Thaiss Park

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F/X Players: *Sweeney Todd*, 2 pm, Fairfax High School
Music Link Recital, 3 pm, Old Town Hall
Bluegrass Festival, 6 pm, The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road

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Tails to Tales (age 6-12), 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

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There's a n activity or performance every day during the Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival!
Check the schedule: www.fairfaxspotlight.org, 703-352-ARTS

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Kindergarten orientation, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Daniels Run Elementary School
Mother Goose (age birth to 18 months), 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Arbor Day ceremony and tree planting, 10 am, Providence Elementary School
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
The Nickel Trio, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Spring Cleanup Day
General Registrar's Office open from 8:30 am to 5 pm for absentee voting
Drug Take-Back Day, 10 am to 2 pm, City of Fairfax Police Station
Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm

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Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station



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Kindergarten orientation, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Providence Elementary School
Astronomy observing session, 9 pm, George Mason University

Find out first! Find out fast! Sign up for eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system. Information: emas.fairfaxva.gov.

Looking for Cityscreen-12 on Cox Communications? It's on channel 12 (with a converter box) and 27.12 (without a converter box). Information: 703-385-7803.

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.

Helpful Phone Numbers

City government information..... 703-385-7855
City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776
Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130
George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056
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ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!

Independence Day Parade Applications Due April 1

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4, and submit an parade application by April 1. Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event.

This year's theme is *A Star Spangled Celebration* and the logo was designed by George Mason University student Kayla Cremer.

This year's grand marshal is Mason President Alan Merten, and honorary grand marshals are longtime city residents George and Madeline Tankard.

Egg Hunt Planned for April 6 at Fairfax High

Children can hunt for eggs at the Chik-fil-A Egg Hunt April 6. Hunts will be scheduled for specific age groups between 10-11 a.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. In case of rain, the event will

be held at the school's Field House.

The event is sponsored by Chick-fil-A (Fair Oaks Mall and Fairfax Circle).

Antiques Appraisal Show Set for April 14

Have the family heirlooms appraised at the Antiques and Trinket Appraisal Show to be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 14 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Cost is \$3 for the appraisal of the first item and \$2 for subsequent items (up to three items total). Proceeds will benefit the Young at Heart Senior Center.

For information, call 703-359-2487.

IDCC Holds Yard Sale April 21; Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 21 at Green Acres Center — and seeks donated items.

These items will be accepted for the yard sale from 5-8 p.m. April 20 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture, appliances and household linens. *Please, no adult-size clothing.*

Proceeds will benefit the city's 2012 Independence Day celebration to be

held July 4. For information, call 703-385-7949.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Begin in April

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence — the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Domestic Service Exhibit Extended at Museum Through June 17

The traveling exhibition *From Morning to Night: Domestic Service in the Guilded Age South* will remain through June 17 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street.

The exhibit tells of a predominantly African-American labor corps in the late nineteenth century that worked in the homes of white employers. Information: 703-385-8414.

Get ready: Farmers Markets held Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays begin in May!

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 711).



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